



Officials respond to residents' questions on freeway

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Ahwatukee Foothills residents recently got responses from some public officials to questions about the proposed South Mountain Freeway.

The Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee shared letters from Mayor Phil Gordon and Arizona Department of Transportation officials. Here are some excerpts:

• How will increased traffic on local streets, including any rerouting of traffic through Ahwatukee . . . be managed and controlled after construction of the freeway?

GORDON: "Streets Department staff expect that the new freeway may lessen some of the east-west traffic on the main streets north of the new freeway. Adjacent north-south streets could expect some increased traffic where exit/on ramps are placed but staff do not anticipate a significant increase in traffic due to the freeway."

• How will the freeway affect the 40th Street park-and-ride during and after construction?

GORDON: "Facilities staff coordinated the location of the park-and-ride well in advance of its construction in 2003 with the Arizona Department of Transportation. Staff coordinated with traffic engineers from both the city and ADOT for traffic flows and signal installation to allow adequate distances for freeway access."

• How will construction impact South Mountain Park?

ADOT: "With regard to certain environmental resources such as South Mountain Park/Preserve, ADOT is required to study practical and feasible alternatives to avoid impact. At this time, there are no alternatives which will permit for avoidance of impacts to the park or mountain peaks."

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I have a question for ADOT.. why is the plan for the South Mtn Freeway not to be dug into the ground as was done for the 101 in Scottsdale and SR51 through the Biltmore area? As an Ahwatukee resident I'm not looking forward to seeing 30 foot high on/off ramps to a freeway from my backyard!

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@bdog55:

ADOT doesn't care about your community. No one does. Move if you can't take it.

I enjoy meeting all the people who are milking AZ taxpayers outta millions when they bulldoze the homes they purchased. The Gila Indian land owners are gonna make billions when this goes thru. They own the only land in the area that isn't developed. Would you give away land to build a freeway on when you can make more money from development around it?

If you think 30 foot on ramps are bad, wait till the strip malls and office parks come.

Ahwautukee will die when this is built. 8 years of construction will destroy home prices and the community. Move before it's too late

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As a resident of Ahwatukee, I am absolutely in favor of the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway. It is not the end of the world. Chandler home values skyrocketed with the Santan Frwy. It will relieve truck traffic off of I-10, therefore the commute to all points north will ease a bit.

In addition, the South Mountain Frwy has been on the books since 1985, well before anyone built they're homes and schools in the direct path of the freeway!! People should have done their research before buying a home if they don't like freeways. This is America's 5th largest city, grow up.

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